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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, Oct. 20th, 1902.

IT is difficult to find words to express the gratification felt at the successful outcome of the president's efforts to end the coal strike. When he first broached the subject, Mr. Roosevelt's political advisers deprecated his proposition. They said he would accomplish nothing and would make enemies for himself and his party, that even if he secured the consent of both parties to arbitration, it would possibly fall to him to name the arbitrators and that he could not do with making enemies; he had no legal right to interfere and he had better abstain from adding to his responsibilities. To all of which, Mr. Roosevelt replied that he could not contemplate the appalling prospect of the continuance of the strike into the winter months, with the terrible and widespread suffering which must ensure, and feel that he was doing his duty as the chosen representative of the people without at least making an effort to culminate the struggle.

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The history of his efforts is known, including the tact with which he conducted the meeting of the opponents, the gentleness with which he received the accusations of the railway presidents, that he was not doing his duty because he had not sent federal troops to protect their interests, the earnestness with which he pursued his efforts, even after the first conference failed, the courage with which he insisted that the operators permit him to add a labor leader to the list of arbitrators and the pursuasiveness with which he led Mitchell to accept the arbitration commissions he had selected. The whole goes to make up one of the most creditable chapters in the history of a long line of republican administrations and demonstrates beyond cavil the excellent judgment of the President of the United States.

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Everyone seems confident that the commission Mr. Roosevelt has selected will ascertain the facts and adjudicate the contentions with perfect impartiality. Under the rules which will govern the proceedings of the arbitrators a two-thirds vote will be required on every mooted question and their findings will bind both miners and operators for a period of at least three years, it is to be hoped much longer.

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By his close attention to the coal strike, the President has forfeited the short period of rest he hoped to secure at Oyster Bay before it became necessity to prepare his message to Congress. Mrs. Roosevelt has been compelled to go to Long Island without him. While there she will close the summer home and will soon return with the children to Washington. Every effort is being made to complete the new office building which will be used by the president so that he may have the use of the entire building known as the temporary White House for residence purposes, after his family returns and for the remaining two months which it will take to complete the renovation of the White House proper.

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Although determined to do so only as a last resort, the Secretary of the Treasurer has finally been compelled to resort to the purchase of bonds as a means to relieve the money stringency which is now claimed to be general. The bonds which are now being purchased are not due until 1925 and the Treasury is paying at the rate of 137⅛ to induce the holders to part with them. It is anticipated that sufficient bonds will be cashed at this figure to draw out of the Treasury $25,000,000. When this purchase shall have been completed Secretary Shaw will have released from the Treasury approximately $47,000,000 and procured an increased bank circulation of $15,000,000, thus adding to the available circulation of the country about $62,000,000.

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The campaign throughout the country is progressing most satisfactorily Chairman Babcock was in Washington last week and was seen by your correspondent. He said he had every reason to feel hopeful. The republican members of both houses of Congress are taking a most active interest in the work and are speaking in all parts of the country, wherever directed by the Congressional Committee. The members of the Cabinet are also lending every possible assistance. The news received from California is most encouraging. Representative Littlefield is doing good work for the party in that direction. He is, by the way, being introduced in many instances as the next Speaker, a title which Uncle Joe Cannon would hardly sanction.

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Many Republican speakers pass through Washington on their way back and forth and all tell the same tale of Democratic disorganization. They say that the abject failure of the Philippine question to make a popular issue, followed now by the settlement of the coal strike, leaving the New York Democratic platform a lone monument to Democratic demagogism, have had a most depressing effect on the Democratic workers and it is not surprising that the Congressional Committee is complaining because it cannot secure spellbinders. The Democrats do not know where they stand. Hill, the leader in New York, is vigorously advocating socialism. Coler, the candidate for governor, has repudiated the platform. In Illinois, the campaign committee has practically confessed itself bankrupt and numerous state committees could confess the same with equal truth. Even the trust issue has paled into insignificance. In view of the Attorney General's recent lucid explanation of the situation and the prospect of adequate legislation for the control of the trusts at the first session of the Fifty-eighth Congress, there is no ground on which to appeal to the people to vote for "the party of calamity and unsound financial methods."

THE MASONIC FETE

In Honor of Geo. Washington Will be an Elaborate Affair.

ROOSEVELT WILL PARTICIPATE

With the gavel that George Washington used during the Masonic ceremonies incident to the laying of the corner stone of the United States Capitol at Washington, on September 18th, 1793, Edgar A. Tennis, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, will call the Grand Lodge to order when it gathers in the Masonic Temple, in Philadelphia, on Wednesday, November 5th, to celebrate the sesqui-centennial anniversary of the initiation of Washington into the fraternity.

The guest of honor at these exercises will be President Roosevelt, who has accepted the invitation of the Grand Lodge to be present, and who will make an address to the members and their guests during the lodge meeting.

The official invitations for the celebration of the reception of General Washington into the fraternity, which event took place in the lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia, on November 4th, 1752, have been sent out and acceptances have already been received from the officers of the Grand Lodges of Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virginia, and Prince Edward's Island. Many more are being received daily. As a special token of this regard for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master of Masons in England, has appointed Thomas R. Patton, the Grand Treasurer of Pennsylvania, to represent him and England's Free Masons at the celebration.

The formal exercises, which will commence at noon, will be held in the Corinthian, or Grand Lodge room, in the Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert streets, Philadelphia. Edgar A. Tennis will preside in his capacity as grand master, and the officers of the Grand Lodge will occupy their proper stations. The address of welcome will be made by the Grand Master, to which reply will be made by Charles T. Gallagher, Grand Master of Massachusetts. Then will follow the address by President Roosevelt, who will not be restricted in the selection of his topic. The President is a member of Matinecock Lodge, No. 806, of Oyster Bay, New York.

James E. Lamberton, of Harrisburg, will speak on "Washington as a Free Mason," and the addresses will conclude with remarks by General Stewart L. Woodford, ex-Minister to Spain, on "Washington as a Citizen." Greetings will then be received from the grand masters who are to be guests.

Upon the close of the meeting a "table lodge" will be opened in the large banqueting hall in the Temple, at which Grand Master Tennis will also preside. The toasts and speakers, as arranged, will be as follows:—

"The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," Edgar A. Tennis, grand master of Pennsylvania.

"In Memory of Our Deceased Brother George Washington," George W. Guthrie, of Pennsylvania.

"Free Masonry Around the Globe," Rt. Rev. Dr. Henry C. Potter, bishop of New York.

"The Grand Lodge of Which Washington Was a Member," H. Oscar Kearns, grand master of Virginia.

"The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," William A. Stone, Governor of Pennsylvania.

"Our Sister Grand Lodges," Thomas J. Shryock, grand master of Maryland.

"Our Honored Guests," Justice J. Franklin Fort, of Trenton, N. J.

"All Our Friends" (Washington's favorite toast). Charles Emory Smith, ex-Postmaster General.

"The Day We Celebrate," Judge Samuel W. Pennypacker.

The preparations for this banquet, which will commence at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and will conclude the exercises of the day, are of an elaborate nature. The souvenirs for the diners, which will necessarily be limited to the specially invited guests and the officers, trustees and committees of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, are of especial interest to the members of the fraternity. Among the guests, beside those already mentioned, are William H. Moody, Secretary of the Navy; James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture; James H. Hopkins and William Loeb, Jr., assistant secretary to the President, all of Washington; Theodore A. Swan, W. M. of Matinecock Lodge, No. 806, Oyster Bay, L. I.; Senator J. B. Foraker, of Cincinnati, O.; General Thomas J. Stewart, of Harrisburg; General J. P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon, Pa.; Senator M. S. Quay, Senator Boise Penrose, ex-Governer Robert E. Pattison, Congresman H. H. Bingham, Congressman Robert H. Foerderer Congressman Irving P. Wagner, Justice J. Brewster McCollum, Justice John Dean, Justice William P. Potter, Justice S. Leslie Mestrezat, Justice John I. Mitchell, Judge D. Newlin Fell, Judge Marcus W. Acheson, Judge Thomas K. Finletter, Judge Henry J. McCarthy, Judge G. Harry Davis, Judge William N. Ashman and Judge Joseph C. Ferguson.

A medal has been struck at the United State Mint in Philadelphia, to commemorate the anniversary, and copies will be given to those attending the exercises in the Grand Lodge.

A picture on satin of the Masonic apron, which was made by Madame de Lafayette, and presented to Washington by the Marquis, when he visited Mount Vernon in 1784, and which is now in the library of the Grand Lodge, will be sent to each lodge in the jurisdiction.

The committee of twelve, appointed by the grand master to prepare the program for the day's exercises, include Edgar A. Tennis, grand master; James W. Brown, deputy grand master; George W. Kendrick, Jr., senior grand warden; George B. Orlady, junior grand warden; Thomas R. Paton, grand treasurer; William A. Sinn, grand secretary; Conrad B. Day, William J. Kelly and George E. Wagner, past grand masters; James M. Lamberton, past master of Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, of Harrisburg; George D. Moore and William J. Diehl. The committee of three, whose duty it was to invite President Roosevelt and Governor Stone, comprised the grand master, Past Grand Master Kelly and James M. Lamberton.

NEW YORK FASHIONS

OUT DOOR GARMENTS, STYLISH GOWNS, CARNITURES, EVENING DRESSES, PEDESTRAIN SKIRTS, MILLINERY.

In out door garments, jackets lead, from very short ones extending but little below the waist, to others twenty-seven inches long. All are loose in front and either single or double breasted and a proportion are loose at the back. Stylish examples are in Zibiline or other rough finished cloths, but fine, smooth cloth in black or tan, is shown at higher prices. Monte Carlo coats remain in favor; three quarter lengths are very noticeable and for carriage wear, elegant styles in silk elaborately trimmed with fur or lace and a choice of the wealthy. Utility coats reaching to the bottom of pedestrain skirts, have a mannish appearance, but are hardly so practical after all, as a shorter garment, because the latter affords greater freedom in holding the skirt up on a tempestuous day, when even this latter day invention, may be found not impervious to pavement slush.

RECENT OPENINGS

of dressy gowns, reveal similarity as to outline, with what has gone before and for newness one must look to garniture. The great run on pendants or what is on the pendant order, becomes immediately apparent and even flat lying passementeries partake of shapes that might easily hang. Such fancy has undoubtedly induced the immense popularity accorded to grapes, whether in genuine ball shape or as in passementeries, in slightly rising simulations in velvet or silk. Colorings of course are according to fancy and in millinery are varied and beautiful. Cloth gowns in white or evening shades have unwonted prestige, but are almost always relieved by open-embroidery or heavy white lace. As a result moreover, of the Dressmakers' Convention, woman's attire has received a notable impulse in the direction not only of the aesthetic, but in that of a right pose of the body, since no matter how beautiful the gown, it will count for little, if the wearer be wanting in grace of motion or a correct attitude in repose. To such end, the leaders in this unique assemblage, began at the foundation and no small interest has been aroused by the fact that choice in the exemplification of that would be most conductive to the aim in view, was made of the C. B. a la spirite corset.

EVENING DRESSES

continue to show the prominence of light material and where silk is used, it is often draped by net chiffon. Inexpensive party gowns, can in consequence be made at home if need be and for young girls, nothing is so pretty as a net or some other sheer fabric. Necks are cut either round or square and most sleeves extend well to the elbow, in order to admit of the "angel" drapery that is so graceful. In marked contrast, are counters laden heavily with pedestrain skirts, that give no excuse for broom brigades on dusty streets or hampered effort to locomotion. Extremes are thus noticeable and more than all, adaptability to special occasions. It may be added too, that dress-makers without dissent, approve the new S. H. & M. velvet braid skirt protector, especially in respect to its use on drop skirts, that hitherto have been vexatious on account of an easy fraying. The new braid is the more liked also because requiring only one sewing to attach it to the skirt. In

NEW MILLINERY,

the prevalence of white or very light shades, especially the former, is very noticeable. A broad white, rough finished felt, encircled by white or pale hued dahlias, roses, pond lilies or grapes has an acme of style. Chiffon or tulle are again united with heavy material or may appear alone and the introduction of fur, is everywhere welcome, both as a garniture or in making the whole hat. A most striking innovation is the use of the squirrel fur that promises to become quite a fad. At a very stylish milliner's, a hat was composed of alternate rows of tulle and squirrel fur and entire hats are seen in the gray coating of one or more nimble denizens of our woods. Little innocents gamble no more because fair ones must be wrapped in their skins and feminine hands be protected by Nature's gift for the tiny animal's warmth. Squirrel fur neck pieces are also a complement in fashionable exhibitions.

LUCY CARTER.

COLLINS INDICTED

GEORGETOWN, DEL., Oct. 16th.

Elmer Collins, late of Little Creek hundred, Sussex County, was indicted for murder in the first degree at 6 o'clock tonight in Sussex County Court. The grand jury worked long and laboriously with the state's long list of witnesses and returned into the overcrowded court room. Court could not proceed until the bailiffs succeeded in clearing the room. At a conference between the attorney-general and his deputy, and the counsel for Collins and the court, it was finally agreed upon a continuance until Monday, January 12th, 1903.

There was a dramatic scene when former Attorney-General White, principal counsel for Collins, opened a rear door and Collins appeared and surrendered. Sheriff Hart took Collins into his custody. He refused to eat any supper and asked to be left alone.

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THE OCTOBER "AMERICAN BOY"

The October *American Boy*, with its eighty pictures and its thirty-two pages of reading matter for boys, maintains the high standard set by its publishers that ever made it so justly popular where there are boys. This number contains the following stories:

"Napoleon Bonaparte." chapters 11 and 111.; "The Strike at the Continental;" "The Resurrection of Sleepy Hollow;" "Muswak—A Tale of the North Woods;" "Alexander the Great and Bucepalus;" "A Matter of Sand" (a football story); "Kit Carson, the Scout;" "The Wreck of the My Love" (a sea story); "Dickey's First Night Message;," "An Oration Unspoken," and "Keep Pegging Away."

Special features are: The *American Boy* Roll of Honor; Samuel F. B. Morse, the inventor of the telegraph; How to make a wheelbarrow, a double swing, and a locust call; Lesson 11. of Shorthand in Ten Easy Lessons; Schoolboy Life at Eton, by Harry Steel Morrison, The Boy Traveler; The Wonderful Future, by Hezekiah Butterworth; Top or Bottom—Which? by Archer Brown, of Rogers, Brown & Co., and Book Reviews.

Boy Photographers, Lovers of Animals, Members of the Agassiz Young Naturalists Association, Members of the Order of the *American Boy*, Amateur Journalists, Boy Money Makers, Boy Stamp, Coin and Curio Collectors, Boys in Games and Sport, and Boys who love Puzzles, each have their usual departments in this number. $1.00 a year.

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JURORS FOR NOVEMBER TERM

Prothonotary Speakman and Clerk of the Peace Quigley Wednesday drew the following jurors to serve at the November term of the county courts, which open on November 17th:

Wilmington—William H. Davies, John R. Hudson, Harry D. Simpson, James F. Wilson, William E. Linton, Frank D. Lackey, James McKelvey and Elias Cole.

Brandywine hundred—Charles E. Guest and Alfred D. Hanby.

Christiana—Thomas Brown and George G. Chandler.

Mill Creek—Richard G. Fisher and Frederick Bringhurst.

White Clay Creek—George Johnson and Hewes B. Wright.

New Castle—Clayton Davis, John J. Conner and Richard R. Megginson.

Pencader—Thomas N. Lindell and Henry Kendall.

Red Lion—Edgar Swan and Francis J. Merrick.

St. Georges—John B. Vandegrift, John W. Casson, Sr., and Isaac M. Green.

Appoquinimink—Cornelius Davis and John F. Lattomus.

Blackbird—Alfred Watson and Charles Beith.

SUES SCHOOL BOARD

Elizabeth Short's mandamus proceedings against the Board of Education of Georgetown and John Emery Chapman, principal, caused every member of the board to be summoned into court Monday. Miss Short's counsel contended that she had been deprived of her right to sit as a student in the public schools although between the ages of 6 and 21 years. The board's counsel contends that, as Miss Short received the full course of tuition in the schools and was graduated therefrom at the commencement last June, she has no right now to return.

OUR PEARS GO ABROAD

Under the direction of the United States Department of Agriculture, a shipment of one and one-third cars of Keiffer pears was made on Saturday from the orchards of S. H. Derby, Woodside, Del., to London, Liverpool, and Hamburg. The shipment was prepared by G. Harold Powell; assistant pomologist of the Department of Agriculture, and by S. H. Fulton, of the same department. The Department of Agriculture is devoloping the export trade in American fruits and made the first export of the Keiffer in 1901, since when a number of commercial lots have been exported by growers from Delaware and from New Jersey.

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Alleged Firebug Held

James McGovern was taken before Magistrate Wood, of Dover, Monday and held under $100 bail for appearance at court, which will convene the latter part of this month. McGovern was arrested by Detective N. H. Hutchins, of the Pennsylvania railroad, for disorderly conduct about the Dover station. Later it was found that McGovern was in the gang which set on fire a box car lying on the switch. The men were drunk. The crew of the "Night Owl," which comes along at 2.30 A. M., put out the fire.

Gets Heavy Fine

"You are a woman of pleasing appearance and therefore a woman to do a great deal of harm," said Chief Justice Lore Monday afternoon, in sentencing Sadie Martin, caught in the Lewes raids. She was sentenced to a fine and costs of $307. William F. Ford, another of the Lewes defendants, was committed to jail for six months in default of a fine and costs of $637 for gambling.

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DELAWARE NOTES

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will meet in Wilmington October 22d.

There is talk of another big steel plate plant being established in Wilmington.

John Kelly was thrown from his carriage in a runaway in Wilmington on Saturday night and painfully hurt.

Miss Elizabeth Cooper, daughter of Dr. W. H. Cooper, of Kenton, was painfully injured by falling 10 feet through a skylight at her home.

Texas crude oil is being used in place of coal for fuel at the Diamond State Steel Company works, Wilmington, and the experiment, it is said, is a success.

In Wilmington Saturday 4573 voters were registered, making a total of 15,790 qualified voters, about 3000 more than were registered at the last State election.

John McClafferty, of New Castle, while walking on the tracks of the Delaware Railroad Company Sunday morning was struck by a train and instantly killed.

Elaborate preparations are making for the masked carnival and parade in Wilmington on Hallowe'en night, under the auspices of the Wilmington Lodge of Mogulions.

The celebration of its one hundred and thirteenth anniversary began Sunday in Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, two of the former pastors preaching.

J. W. Wells, of Delmar, was run down by a train at Delmar Monday and seriously injured.

Rev. W. L. White has been invited to return as pastor of the Seaford Methodist Episcopal Church.

The strike of coremakers at the Betts Machine Company, Wilmington, has been settled and the men have returned to work.

The Wilmington Board of Education will receive applications from peasons who desire to attend night schools, and, if sufficient interest is aroused, such schools will be started.

Rev. John Snape, pastor of the Delaware Avenue Baptist Church, Wilmington, has challenged Jerome B. Bell to a serious of roque matches for the championship of the Middle States.

While trying to cross the tracks at Twenty-ninth and Market streets, Wilmington, Monday evening, Adelphia Pyle, 10 year-old daughter of Victor R. Pyle, was run down by a trolley car on the Riverview Line and killed.

Three men were taken to Dover from Brenford to await trial for breaking into and robbing the store of William T. Bryan, at the former place. The accused men are Richardson Robinson, Zachariah John and Charles Johns.

At the meeting of Wilmington Methodist preachers Monday Rev. Dr. W. L. S. Murray declared that 86 per cent. of the boys of the city smoke cigarettes, despite the law prohibting their sale to minors. The preachers will try to have the law inforced.

MARYLAND NOTES

Bethel M. E. Church, near Chesapeake City, which has been extensively repaired, was rededicated Sunday with appropriate ceremonies.

The steamer Sassafras, of the Sassafras River Line, will be greatly enlarged.

A council of Daughters of Liberty will shortly be organized in Elkton.

The Republicans of Cecil County will open their campaign in Elkton October 29th, with Hon. Thomas Parran as the speaker.

The barge Perryville was launched recently at Deibert boat yards, Elkton, for John Brady, of Philadelphia.

Alonzo H. Cole was appointed postmaster at Fountain Green Monday.

"Peggy Stewart Day" was celebrated in Baltimore Monday being the one hundred and twenty-eight anniversary of the burning in Annapolis harbor of the tea-laden ship bearing that name. The Maryland Society of Sons of the Revolution gave a banquet in honor of the day.

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OUR ROAD AUDITORS

In spite of all the legislation of recent years looking to a simplification of the methods of keeping our road accounts, it seemes that every year the auditors find more looseness and complication. We now have in this county two separate audits, one by the two auditors named by Judge Spruance who examine the accounts of all the Road Commissioners and one by two auditors in each Hundred who merely pass upon the accounts of their locality. The two auditors named by Judge Spruance have just submitted their annual report and it is discouraging to find that the conditions prevailing in the county do not show any improvement. Large sums of money are annually distributed and no system prevails in the expenditure nor in the bookkeeping. The auditors say:

"Large amounts of the public funds are drawn by checks to the order of individual commissioners, many checks are made payable to bearer and are returned from the bank bearing the endorsement of some one of the commissioners. Seventy-five per cent, of the receipted vouchers in Christiana hundred are evidently signed by the commissioners of that hundred instead of by persons to whom payment was due. While we have no means of ascertaining whether these amounts were properly applied or not, the manner of their disbursement is certainly open to criticism.

"In disregard of the act passed at the last session of the Legislature, (XXII, Laws of Delaware, chapter 107) which requires the Road Commissioners "to keep an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures of money, and the purposes for which all moneys were expended," and prescribes severe penalties for the neglect of this duty, the books kept are in many cases merely memoranda of the cash receipts and expenditures, more or less accurate, and possible only of verification by the accounts kept by the various banks of deposit. They give no idea whatever of the financial conditions of the different hundreds."

Of course, even under the present laws it would be, and should be possible for the commissioners in each hundred to keep their records in such a manner as to show to the taxpayers where each dollar that they receive goes and what value is received in return. But what is needed more than any other thing is a complete and radical change in our road system. In the first place it is entirely wrong that the hundred should be compelled to pay eight per cent. for the collection of the road taxes. The collectors of taxes each and all receive a salary of from $800 to $1000 per year and this should be sufficient for the work done. In addition to this they have been receiving from $300 to $500 for collecting road taxes. If this were extra work there might be some reason for it, but the total tax of each individual is collected at one time and no other entries are made or needed. This change alone would save the taxpayers of this county about $4,000 annually.

In the second place, provision should be made to have the road work managed as the county work is done under the present Levy Court. Many other changes could be made, but the new law should be carefully considered. The next Legislatiure should provide for a commission to inquire into the systems prevailing in other states particularly those who like New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts have adopted modern methods of road building and supervision.

[COMMUNICATED.]

HE SEES DEFEAT

ODESSA, DEL., Oct., 24th, 1902.

A much interested Democrat of St. Georges' Hundred who would pose as an independent voter has written the *Every Evening* of Wilmington suggesting that the Republican nominee for the General Assembly from this hundred, Mr. L. V. Aspril, Jr., declare himself as to the stand he will take on the Senatorial question, if elected. The *New Era* copies. We do not want to become engaged in a political discussion but we do want to say that the Republicans of St. Georges Hundred who have known Mr. Aspril from his childhood as an honest, fearless, public spirited christian gentleman, are satisfied with the course he will pursue in this and all other matters. He is the choice of all Republicans and we want him because he does not seek the office. The unanimity with which he was selected would not leave even one to write the letter referred to. He will represent the people and not a political party nor a political faction, and will realize as too many assemblymen do not, that his vote for the election of United State Senator, is but one of his duties. I would suggest to our Democratic friend who wrote the letter that he sign his own name and explain his real motive.

REPUBLICAN.

SASSAFRAS ITEMS

Mrs. Arnold Stewart visited her parents at Galena on Wednesday.

Mrs. Harry Griffith entertained Miss Nora Boston on Saturday.

Chestnut parties are quite the thing these lovely October days.

Dr. James S. Merritt, of Warwick, visited Chestertown on Monday.

Mr. Alexander T. Laws was in Chestertown Monday and Tuesday.

The October term of Circuit Court convened at Chestertown on Monday.

Mr. Alexander T. Laws has lost his beautiful and faithful watchdog "Don."

Miss Bessie Gunkel, of Warwick, visited her sister, Mrs. John F. Ernest Wednesday.

Bishop Coleman, of Wilmington, officiated at a wedding on Wednesday last in Virginia.

The steamer "Sassafras" of the Sassafras River, is to be cut into and greatly enlarged.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the masked carnival on Hallow'een night here.

Mrs. Frank Sylvester is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Burris near Kennedyville.

Mr. Stephen Boyer, of Middletown, has been the guest of his nephew, Mr. Stephen Boyer.

Mr. Luff Spry is being entertained by his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Allen, of near Cecilton.

A Kent county farmer is reported to have already sold this year $350 worth of eggs and poultry.

Mrs. Bessie Vaughan, daughter and friend, of Middletown, were guests of her brother on Saturday.

Miss Susie E. Ford, of Ford's Landing, is on an extended visit to Mrs. Jay Frank Gould of New York city.

Miss Elizabeth M. Brown, of Chestertown, has been appointed to a scholarship at Washington College.

Mrs. Thersia Shallcross left on last Friday for an extended visit to relatives in Philadelphia and Wilmington.

Mrs. Caroline Johns and daughter, Miss Emma, are entertaining relatives from Philadelphia and Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith and daughters in company with Miss Nora Boston visited Middletown on Saturday.

Messrs. Jacob T. Shallcross and Peter Donahoe attended the political meeting at Chestertown Tuesday evening.

Mr. Roberts S. Griffith and son Harry were guests of his brother, Mr. Irving Griffith, of Chesapeake City, on Sunday.

Bethel M. E. Church, which has been extensively repaired, was rededicated on Sunday last with appropriate ceremonies.

A public meeting will be held at Elkton this week to consider the need and practicability of a hospital for Cecil county.

School Commissioner Peterson visited the public school here on Friday last, and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Spry for dinner.

The college students of Chestertown celebrated the moon's eclipse on Thursday night last by parading the streets attired in ghostly apparel.

Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross' horse ran away on Friday last and fortunately he or the horse were not hurt, but the carriage was completely demolished.

The Maryland Telephone and Telegraph Company has been granted permission by the city council of Elkton to extend its line to Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Allen, of near Cecilton, in company with Mrs. Lollier of Cecilton, were entertained on Monday by Mr. and Mrs. William H. Spry.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Spear, of Bohemia Manor, were guests of Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross on Wednesday and attended the dance at Dewey Park in the evening.

A farmer near Galena made one shipment of "white face cattle" the past spring for which he was paid $4,500. He has not shipped any cattle for several years previous to this.

Westminister Presbyterian Church at Georgetown was reopened on Sunday by the appointment of Presbytery, Rev. K. M. Bull preaching. This church has been closed for sometime.

Miss Gertrude Emerson, of Fairlee, was awarded the prize Monday night for being the most popular young lady in the village. Miss Emerson is a namesake and a niece of Mrs. Robert Johnson.

Walnut wood is being purchased from the timber tracts of Kent county for shipment to Germany. One agent is said to have purchased 15,000 feet already, paying as high as $20 for a single tree.

After spending five months above ground, about 100 mine mules that have been pastured on the Ray farm on the Brandywine, in Chester county, were shipped back on Wednesday to the anthracite fields.

"Peggy Stewart Day" was celebrated in Baltimore Monday it being the 128th anniversary of the burning in Annapolis harbor by the tea laden ship bearing that name. The Maryland Society of Sons of the Revolution gave a banquet in honor of the day.

The reopening of the Chestertown M. E. Church on Sunday last was of unusual interest. Rev. George I. Bacchus, of Lynchburg, Va., filled the pulpit in the morning and delighted his hearers with an eloquent sermon. In the afternoon the Sunday School under the direction of its superintendent, Mr. M. A. Toulson, held a rally and a souvenir card was presented each attendent. Dr. Roberts, pastor of the church, has been very sick for several weeks but was able to be out and enjoy the services and to direct the excellent programme. The choir rendered some very fine music.

While there is life there is hope

I was afflicted with catarrh; could neither taste nor smell and could hear but little. Ely's Cream Balm cured it.—Marcus G. Shautz, Rahway, N. J.

Cream Balm reached me safely and the effect is surprising. My son says the first application gave decided relief. Respectfully, Mrs. Franklin Freeman, Dover, N. H.

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ST. GEORGES ITEMS

W. R. Pennington is in Chester, Pa.

J. B. McMullen was a Philadelphia visitor on Tuesday.

Mrs. G. Weik spent part of last week with Wilmington friends.

Mrs. Laura Jones, son and daughter spent Sunday in Wilmington.

C. M. Riley spent Sunday with Mr. R. Armstrong near Wilmington.

William Jones, of Chester, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Laura Jones.

Miss Lillie Cannon, of Philadelphia, has been visiting friends here.

Miss Sadie Belville, of Wilmington, has been visiting Miss Anna Stewart.

Prof. Randolph Pratt was the guest of his parents at Clayton on Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Geoghegan and Miss Julia Paynter visited Wilmington on Thursday.

Miss Rachel Nelson spent Sunday with her cousin, Mrs. Alida Jones and daughters.

James Denning and family were visitors at the residence of H. C. Gray on Sunday.

H. Motherall, of Newark, was the guest of J. B. McMullen, part of last week.

Miss Lida Lloyd, of State Road, was entertained by the Misses Paynter last week.

Mrs. William Todd, of Kirkwood, was an over Sunday guest of Mrs. Clark Thompson.

J. B. Nelson and wife have returned home after spending the summer in Dutch Neck.

Miss Julia Ellison, of Glasgow, spent Friday evening with Misses Maggie and Linda Clark.

J. W. Carrow and family are entertaining Charles Vanheikle and wife, of Philadelphia.

Noble McMullen, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Tillie McMullen near town.

Rev. Dr. J. R. Milligan and wife entertained Mrs. G. Rommel and Mrs Vinsinger, of Wilmington, over Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Dashper had as guests on Wednesday Mrs. Dashper and Mrs. John Boyer and daughter, of Delaware City.

Miss Annie Delaney has retured to her home at Mechanicsville, after spending a month with her aunt, Mrs. H. T. Hopkins.

Mrs. Joseph Crossland and Mrs. Fred Hildebrand attended the reopening services of the Middletown Methodist Church on Sunday.

Misses Anna Stewart and Sara Milligan went to Georgetown on Wednesday, where they will attend the Christian Endeavor Convention as delegates.

One of our oldest landmarks was removed on Wednesday when the old dwelling house at the corner of Main and Church streets was torn down.

Robert Price and family, of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. Wills, of San Francisco, Cal., who have been visiting R. Hopkins have returned to their homes.

Mrs. H. C. Smith and son Algier, returned on Wednesday from a visit with relatives in Seaford. She was accompanied home by her daughters Anna and Erma, who have been visiting relatives down the state for the past two months.

Mrs. J. R. Crossland and daughters, Misses Nellie and Josephine, Miss Florence Jones, Messrs. George Vail and Walter Moore composed a party who went to Salem, N. J., on Saturday and returned Monday. They report a very enjoyable time.

The following pupils of St. Georges public School Prof. R. Pratt, teacher, have attained for the month ending October 17th, an average of 90 or over: Maude Clark, Maggie Cann, Marie Hopkins, Mabel Jones. 85 to 90; Lewis Welsh, Amanda Moore, Elenor McCoy, Louisia Ellison, Effie White, Marrian Price; Miriam Clark, Francis Stuckert, Cazier Ellison, Herman Swain.

WARWICK HAPPENINGS

Walter Wallace was in town last week.

Mr. R. B. Merritt was in Wilmington Monday.

Horse thieves were at Warwick Sunday evening.

Miss Bessie W. Gunkle spent Sunday at Sassafras.

Mr. and Mrs. U. P. Ginn spent Sunday in town.

Senior Christian Endeavor prayer meeting next to-morrow evening at 7.30 P. M.

Mr. J. Lofland and Mr. Edwood Jones had the pleasure of presenting Miss Bessie R. Merritt with a very handsome cake which they won at Dewey Park last Wednesday evening.

Black Suits

Black can be worn more days in the year and more hours in the day than any other color. It can be bought by the big clothier in largest quantities, and so bring the cloth to the lowest possible price. And it shows to the fullest advantage the good tailoring of the good clothier, and the poor tailoring of the poor clothier.

Another thing: a clothier who makes his own suits and charges his store nothing for the making, can sell a suit from $3 to $5 either better or cheaper than the mere seller of clothing can. The manufacturer has to make some money; he's got his salesmen to pay, and office expenses, and all that.

It is a matter of common sense. When you're here look at the beautiful unfinished worsted suits at $15, $16.50, $18 and $20. If they get a little bit better than this, what in the world is the poor tailor going to do?

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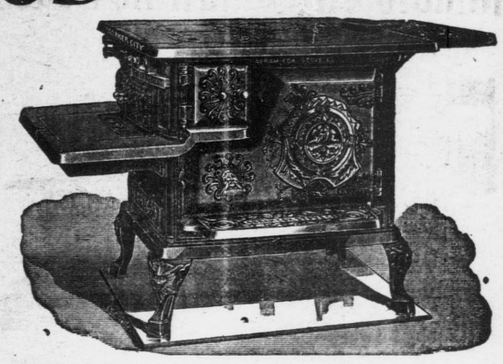

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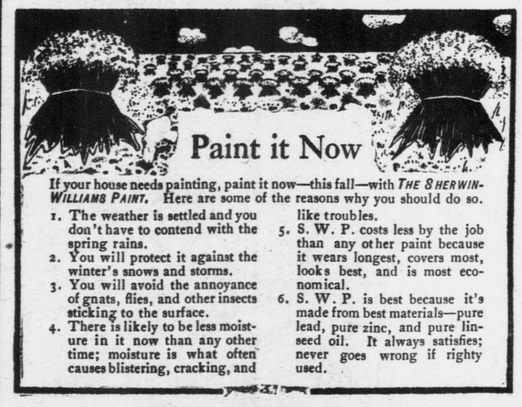

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NOTICE.—I, JOHN P. McINTYRE, owner and tenant of the house known as the Middletown Hotel situated at Middletown, in United School Districts Nos. 60 and 94, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, in compliance with the requirements of the acts of the General Assembly, in such case made and provided, do hereby give notice that I shall apply in writing to the Court of the General Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle county on the 17th day of November, A.D. 1902, being the next term of said court, for a license for said house as an inn or tavern for the sale therein of intoxicating liquors, in less quantities than one quart, to be drunk on the premises, and the following respectable citizens of the said United School Districts, recommended the said application, viz.:

R. W. Cochran,	John A. Fortner,
Paul Weber,	George W. Peterson,
C. DeValinger,	S. B. Foard,
W. A. Comegys,	H. C. DeValinger,
Geo. W. Price,	Julian Cochran,
C. P. Cochran,	G. Ellis,
Arthur Crow,	J. A. Manlove,
Joseph Gary,	Frank L. Cates,
Frank S. Lewis.	M. Kumpel, Jr.

JOHN P. McINTYRE.
Middletown, Del., October 11th, 1902.

ORIENTAL RUGS

Fine works of art from the Orient—an interesting sight to see them, even if you have no thought of buying, as one lady says "it's simply facinating to look at such a well selected stock." Many of them are antiques, some are new, but all are gems—they grow in value as they grow in age. We have them from $4.00 to $500.00, in all sizes. We will be pleased to send them to your house on approval. For the remainder of this week we will have in attendance an expert Armenian rug weaver who will make repairs to old rugs at a moderate price.

ARTS AND CRAFTS FURNITURE

The new pieces arrive daily—artistic in every detail—produced from the early mission furniture, plain but strong. Two notable pieces are a five foot Settee, with a hard leather seat of red, $45.00. The other is a Sideboard, five foot long, with a plate rack on the back, $50.00 From these on down to a modest table at $1.75.

GENTLEMEN'S HOME DESKS

Two new patterns of desks have just come in, designed especially for gentlemen's use at home, colonial in design with glass door knobs. Drawers and pigeon holes to suit most any man, $25.00 and $55.00.

IRON BEDS, $5.50

A new bed with the patent hook and wire botton, $5.50.

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Ten dozen of the best make of sweepers are offered at these special prices—all are handsomely finished.

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High-grade Crockery in Jardiniers and Pedestals, Umbrella Stands and Ornaments, are now here.

Jardiniers and Pedestals are $4.00, $6.00, $8.00, $8.50, on upwards to $30.00.

Umbrella Stands are $3.00, $4.00, $4.50.

Ornaments are 50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.50, $2.00, $2.50

IRON CRIBS, $4.50

A new white enamel iron crib with a very fine woven wire spring is priced at $4.50. We are selling agents for the Foster Bros. Safety Iron Crib, which you see advertised in the magazines, price $9.50.

REDUCED CARPETS

Many of the reduced Carpets were bought during the past week and many more remain for this week's selling. You neglect an opportunity if you fail to see what our Carpet department offers. All Carpets are made laid and lined free.

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The Middletown Transcript

Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:

North Bound—3.30, 7.46, 9.20 and 10.23 a. m. 4.16 and 6.52 p. m.
South Bound—7.54, 9.11 and 11.50 a. m.; 3.54 5.18 and 7.51 p. m.

Mails close as Follows.

Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.05 a. m., 3.55 and 6.40 p. m.
Going South—8.50 a. m., 5.10 p. m.
For Odessa—9.10 a. m., 11.40 a. m., 5.30 p. m.
For Warwick, Ceciliton, Earlville and Sassafras—9.15 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., OCT. 25, 1902.

Local News.

Oh! the delights of sweet pumpkin pie!

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. INGRAM'S.

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OYSTERS.—Maurice River Cove, at JONES & BRADLEY'S

Fertilizer stored in our warehouse in Middletown by the bag or ton. JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

A new fence has been erected around Forest Cemetery this week. Messrs Z. T. Bradley & Son did the work.

WANTED.—A saleslady for the Dry-goods and Notion Department; some experience preferred. MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

WANTED.—A suite of rooms with or without board. For desirable location will pay good price. Inquire of J. C. PARKER.

Judging from the size of the load of wood people get from the woods of Mr. George V. Peverley for 75 cents fuel cannot be very high.

When you buy The Sherwin-Williams Paint you take the first step to secure good results in painting. Sold by J. F. MCWHORTER & SON.

LOST.—A FOX TERRIER, white with black spot on body and dark head. Answers to the name of "Teddy." Reward on return to DR. J. H. HARDCASTLE.

We have just received a car of Cannel Coal which we are delivering in Middletown at $8.25 per 2240 lbs. No dirt or fine coal in it. G. E. HUKILL.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday afternoon, from 3.30 to 5; Saturday afternoons, from 3 to 5; Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8.30.

We will make a specialsale next week on Wrappers, a large and complete line direct from the manufacturers in Flannelette and good Prints at cost. MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

We can show you the latest goods for fancy waists and fine dress goods in cut patterns, good cloth at 25 cents per yard. Call and see them. MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

Mr. I. T. Wilson with his force of workmen are beautifying the exterior of the Citizens' National Bank with a fresh coat of paint.

David Wolfe Brown, official shorthand reporter for the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., writes the Benn Pitman system of shorthand, which is taught by Goldey College.

In spite of the paper night caps worn by the flowers and tender plants to shield them from Jack Frost they are droopping their fair heads and seem most ready to die.

The first killing frost of this season occured Wednesday morning. The thermometer registered near the freezing point, and some even report ice as having formed.

A traveling preacher carrying an umbrella, on which were printed several passages from the Bible, for two hours last Saturday afternoon preached at the "Four Corners," to a fair audience.

We carry the largest stock of stoves in town; sell on a guarantee, subject to trial. See our ad. in this issue for the names of the leaders that will always be found in stock subjects to your order. J. F. MCWHORTER & SON.

Hog cholera has made its appearance here, and quite a number of our poor people have lost their porkers. In view of the high Price of meat this will prove a great hardship to these people.—*Smyrna Times.*

Quality is the one thing that distinguishes an article, that makes it better, more desirable, and more satisfactory than other similar articles. There's good quality in The Sherwin-Williams Paint. Sold by J. F. MCWHORTER & SON.

The housefly lingers and sticks closer than a brother; in fact he sticks better just now than any time of the year. He has learned all about tangle-foot and steers wide of it, yet he doesn't show lassitude, and with Jack Frost on deck he can't feel exactly well.

At Bethesda M. E. Church to-morrow morning, Rev. C. T. Wyatt will preach a special sermon to the W. C. T. U. This will be temperance day throughout the State, and all who believe in sobriety and temperance are cordially invited to this service. In the evening the W. C. T. U. will have charge of the service.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for tomorrow evening is: "Treating a Gracious Iuvitation Lightly." Matt. 22:1-10. Miss E. R. Hall, President, leader.

Middletown Hardware House is our sole agent, for Middletown and vicinity, for the sale of our famous "Iron King" Cook Stove, and all other stoves made by us. LIBERTY STOVE CO.
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MIDDLETOWN HARDWARE HOUSE.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Treating a Gracious Invitation Lightly." Matt. 22:1-10. Leader, Miss Allie McKee.

Messrs. Jos. C. Jolls and H. S. Beasten attended the 34th, annual Convention of the Grand Lodge, K. of P. in Wilmington Wednesday, Oct., 22d. They report an interesting session. The next Convention will be held in Dover the 3d Thursday in October, 1903.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending October 16th: Miss Ladie Dean, Charity King, Miss Jennie Smallwood, Miss Ella Tilleo, Harvey Anderson, John H. Lucas, Howard Powell, James T. Reed, Resqualo Comanhacli Ginseppo.

Rev. J. R. Brown, pastor of Dales M. E. Church, has secured for George Johnson a scholarship in the Princess Anne, Md., Academy. George is a bright boy and the Rev. Brown received a letter from the Principal one day this week stating that had the boy arrived and he was much pleased with his appearance.

Local coal dealers are expecting coal from the mines soon but just now they are unable to tell what the prices will be, but they will be made as low as possible as their is no desire to take advantage of those who are short of coal. Only smal quantities will be sold to each customer by the dealers, when the first consignments are received.

The weather keeps warm and favorable for the wheat, which on account of the wet weather, has been put in rather late. Many farmers are done seeding and have now turned their attention to corn husking. There are many and various judgments as to our present crop of corn. Some think we have as good a crop as we have had for quite a number of years, while others think the yield will not be even up to last year.

Friday next, October 31st, will be All Souls' Day, more commonly called Hallow'een, which popular superstition has given a peculiar character, no other day in the year has such strange and varied customs attached to it, and the charms and spells of that night so big with prophesy to the Scottish peasantry, are relied upon by the youths and maidens of our own land. On this night disembodied spirits' witches, fairies and devils are abroad, and the general belief is that the latter takes the form of the small boy whose pranks on that occasion are too well and sadly known by the inhabitants to need mentioning.

A slight fire at the Middletown Hotel Wednesday morning caused considerable excitement, and the blowing of the fire whistle attracted a large crowd. The fire was in the cellar under the parlor, and was the result of one of the employees emptying hot ashes into a barrel which ignited quickly, and a great cloud of smoke was soon visible. Mr. McIntyre who was sprinkling the street in front of his hotel at the time turned the small stream on the flames and soon extinguished the blaze. The fire company responded quickly, but fortunately on their arrival the fire was out.

The well-known manager, U. D. Newell, to whom the devotees of the theatre for more than a generation have been indebted for real novelties in the amusement line, comes to us again this season with an attraction that is said to be the most unique on the stage of to-day. This novelty is nothing more or less than Mark E. Swan's three act comedy entitled "Hooligan's Troubles," the theme of which it is said was suggested by the funny illustrations in one of the principal New York, Chicago and San Francisco journals. This show will be presented at the Middletown Opera House, Thursday, October 30th.

Men's and Boys' up-to-date footwear in great quantities at the GLOBE CLOTHING STORE.

BOHEMIA MANOR ITEMS

Miss Emma Clark was a Middletown visitor on Monday.

The first ice of the season formed on Wednesday morning.

Mrs. W. Lake and children spent Tuesday with Delaware friends.

Mr. Urie Clark, of Wilmington, was here the past week on business.

Several from here attended the dance at Dewey Park on Wednesday evening.

One of our farmers had finished husking corn, while several others are about half done.

Miss Myrtle Templeman, of Cayot's school, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents in Cecilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frazer and children, of Wilmington, spent Saturday and Sunday with Isaac Dean and family.

Miss Georgia Reese Ellison was the guest of her grandparents at Chesapeake City from Friday until Sunday.

Mr. William Jones is suffering from a sprained ankle, having missed his step coming down the granary stairs.

Mrs. John Black and Miss Loveless, of Cecilton, attended the Willis Stevens nuptials on Wednesday last at Chesapeake City.

The debt was more than cleared away at Bethel M. E. Church on Sunday, Revs. Mr. C. F. Sheppard, Kane, Mowbray and Dawson officiating.

CECILTON SIFTINGS

Mrs. E. S. Short is entertaining her niece, Miss Delsa Johnson.

Miss Clara Manlove entertained a few friends on Tuesday evening last.

Rev. J. L. VanBurkalow was the guest of Mr. Thomas B. Jones on Tuesday.

Miss Carrie Roe, of Massey, spent Sunday with her cousin, Miss Rena Price.

Mrs. Margaret Myers is on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. John Nowland, of Media, Pa.

We are very sorry to report the serious illness of Mrs. Louisa Stewart and Mr. Charles Clark.

Messrs. Carleton Roe and John Naylor, of Massey, were guests of Mrs. John Rowan on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Ferguson with Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Woodall Jones were guests of relatives in town on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferguson entertained on Sunday Mrs. Emma Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Budd, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Beaston, Mr. and Mrs. Bouchelle, of Chesapeake City, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, of Chestertown, Miss Kate Ferguson, of Chesapeake City, Mrs. Thomas Pearce and Miss Eddie Ferguson, of Cecilton.

PERSONALTIES

Mr. T. E. Hurn was in Philadelphia on Thursday.

Mr. John McGuire has accepted a position in Wilmington.

Mr. Charles Lockner is visiting his parents in Baltimore.

Messrs. Colonel Crouch and William Freeman are in Wilmington.

Miss Carrie West, of Wilmington, spent several days in town this week.

Mr. Joseph Berkman and family spent Sunday with friends in Delaware City.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richards, of Smyrna, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. John Bendler, near town on Sunday.

Mr. Fred Hall, of Philadelphia, has been spending several days with relatives here.

Messrs. John Gill and Sylvester Rose, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. Edna Polk, of Pocomoke City, Md., visited Mrs. Kate Naudain this week.

Mrs. Carrie V. Howard, of Elkton, visited her cousin, Miss Anna M. Freeman this week.

Miss Anna Sims, of near Chestertown, returned home Monday after spending several week with her cousin, Miss Bertha Byron.

Mr. Z. A. Pool, of McDonough, and grandson, Zadock, left on Thursday for Pittsburg, where they will be the guests of Dr. S. N. Pool.

R. W. Senior Grand Warden W. S. Letherbury, for Grand Lodge Masons of Delaware has accepted an invitation to attend the Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary of the initiation of George Washington in the fraternity to be held at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia on Wednesday, November 5th.

TOWNSEND NOTES

Mr. J. L. Dickerson is repainting his hotel property.

Mr. John Townsend is suffering with an abcess on his shoulder.

Mrs. William Dyett, of Clayton, spent Monday with Mrs. I. Pritchard.

Miss Lena Staats, of Middletown, spent Sunday with her parents in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whitehouse returned from their wedding tour on Thursday.

Mr. John Geary and family, of Atlantic City, are guests of Mr. Walter Money near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hart, of Philadelphia, were guests of Mr. G. M. D. Hart on Sunday.

Mrs. Nina Maloney and Miss Mary Money visited Miss Mamie Pierce, of near Cecilton, this week.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Townsend M. E. Church met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. J. A. Hart.

Mr. W. N. Watts and wife, and Mrs. W. H. Money spent Sunday with Mr. William Evans, of Middletown.

The cement sidewalk placed around the property of Mr. Harry Deakyne on Maine street is completed and makes a great improvement.

Mrs. D. P. Hutchison and Rev. J. H. Beauchamp are attending the Epworth League Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, this week.

Rev. F F. Carpenter, who has recently returned from a trip to the Holly Land, will lecture on Wednesday evening, October 29th, on "The Ruins of Palestine."

The Epworth League at Townsend was reorganized on last Sunday evening. Officers were elected as follows: Mr. M. B. Donovan, president; Prof. H. R. McCabe, 1st vice peesident; Mrs. D. P. Hutchinson, 2d vice president; Mrs. D. B. Jones, 3d vice president; Mrs. Winfield Lattomus, 4th vice president; Mr. Joseph Jones, secretary and Mr. L. L. Maloney treasurer.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Union M. E. Church met on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. B. W. Hutchison. Among those present were: Mr. W. N. Watts and wife, Mr. W. B. Weldon and wife, Mr. John Carpenter and wife, Mr. Thomas Townsend and wife, Mr. Jacob Spicer and wife, Mrs. C. A. Hutchison, Mr. William Smith, Miss Townsend, Mr. Stephen Keene and sister, Misses Anna Jones and Ruth Hutchison, John Carpenter and Joseph Hutchison. After the business meeting refreshments were served, and the evening was spent very pleasantly.

Last Saturday afternoon some colored men who had patronized the bar room too freely, got into a fight during which Harry Honey, of Odessa, shot William Calk, of near Townsend, in the arm. After the shooting Honey attempted to escape by fleeing up the lane which leads to the cannery. He was pursued and arrested by the constable, David T. Lynam. He was given a hearing on Monday before Thomas Bratton, Justice of Peace, and held for court. Constable Lynam also arrested Philip Shepard, colored, for whom he has had a warrant for sometime.

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Remember, The Philadelphia Sunday *North American* of Sunday, October 26th.

HARRINGTON—COCHRAN

In the presence of numerous relatives and friends from all parts of the state Miss Lucie Cochran of this town, and Carl Harrington of Philadelphia, were married Thursday afternoon in St. Anne's Church, the Rev. W. J. Wilkie, the rector, performing the nuptial ceremony. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Cochran and a granddaughter of the late Governor Cochran. Mr. Harrington formerly lived in Farmington. He was graduated from Delaware College as an electrical engineer and is now engaged with the Bell Telephone Company in Philadelphia. In addition to the wedding ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Cochran, parents of the bride, observed the twenty-ninth anniversary of their wedding.

Promptly at 2 o'clock the ceremony was solmnized, the bride being given away by her father. The church was beautifully bedecked with flowers and ferns. The bride was gowned in a white lace robe over chiffon, and with taffeta silk trimmings, and a garniture of pearls, and carried a shower bouquet of Bride roses and lilies of the valley. She wore a brooch of pearls, the gift of the groom. The matron of honor, Mrs. S. D. Townsend of Chambersburg, Pa., was gowned in pink crepe de chine and carried white chrysanthemums. Miss Corrine Cochran Mendinhall of Wilmington, was flower girl. She wore white Paris mousseline and lace and carried a basket of white flowers. The brides' maids were Miss Annie Cochran, of New York, Miss Jessie Harrington, of Farmington, Miss Elizabeth Hanson, of New York, and Miss Adda J. Foard, Miss Eliza Green and Miss Helen Cochren, of Middletown, the last named a sister of the bride. They wore gowns of white peau de soie and carried pink chrysanthemums, and wore wreaths of white Crown roses in their hair. The best man was Watson Harrington, of Farmington, and the ushers were Joseph Mendinhall, of Wilmington, Alfred Ward, of Philadelphia, Dr. Cecil Green, of Middletown, Dr. Steele, of Newark, W. N. Reybold, of Delaware City and Malcolm Cochran, of Middletown.

After the wedding a reception was held for the bridal party, relatives and intimate friends. The decorations were in pink and white. Afterward the bride and groom left on the Norfolk express for a northern trip. They will be at home in Philadelphia after November 15th.

MINERS GO TO WORK

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 23d.—Work was resumed to-day in the mines, after 165 days of idleness. The strikers returned and reported for duty in each case at the collieries where they were formerly employed. The great majority were taken back. Those who were turned away were told that the mine was not yet in shape for work, and they would be notified later. Many of the men unable to get work at one mine went to another, and as there are now but 15,000 out of the original force of 147,000 mine workers in the region there is work for all. Those who left during the strike are hurrying back and several are expected to-day.

Some of the mines, notably those which have been working with non-union men, resumed with a full force, and will continue to make coal day and night. Others where no work had been done will require some days of preparation before they can be started.

All of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western mines resumed, and in nearly all their workings coal is being mined. Mining is going on in three-forths of the Delaware and Hudson mines, but the others will be repaired in a couple of weeks. The New York, Ontario and Western Company employed all its miners and laborers, and reports its collieries in good shape.

ODESSA NOTES

Misses Mary and Lizzie Gilch were in Philadelphia Tuesday.

Dr. W. S. Hallett, of Wilmington, was an over Sunday visitor in Odessa.

Miss Blackiston, of Middletown, spent Sunday with Mrs. Carrie Appleton.

Mrs. William Johnson and Miss Martha Evans were Philadelphia visitors this week.

The Ladies Aid Society was entertained by Mrs. Joseph H. Enos Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Eliza Appleton has returned from a visit to Mrs. Ophelia George, of Camden, N. J.

Rev. John Snape, pastor of Delaware Avenue Baptist Church, Wilmington, was in Odessa Tuesday.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Amelia Vandegrift and Mr. Frank Davis to take place Wednesday, November 5th.

The funeral services of Miss Anna Doughthen, of Smyrna, were held here on Tuesday and were very largely attended.

The first of a course of entertainments under the auspices of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church will be given in the Town Hall, November 6th.

Mrs. F. B. Watkins, Mrs. Clara Green, Mrs. W. E. Barnard, Misses Ethel Brady and Mary Townsend were Philadelphia visitors Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Joseph H. Hoffecker of Chester, Pa., and Miss Nellie Granville, of Farnhurst, were quietly married on Monday afternoon last at the residence of Mr. D. S. Morgan in Odessa. Mr. Hoffecker is a brother of Miss Morgan. Rev. John M. Arters performed the ceremony.

John Lynn a Free Man

John Lynn was released from the county workhouse Thursday morning at 4.30 o'clock, and was driven in a closed carriage to his home in Elsmere. There he remained a short time, and later he went to Philadelphia to see his wife who is seriously ill in a hospital. Lynn served ten months of his year's sentence, and was a model prisoner.

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The Blacksmith's Daughter.

BY VINCENT WRAY.

AMONG his fellow-villagers none was more popular—or more deservedly so—than Mr. James Ransome, the swarthy and muscular proprietor of the village smithy and this, be it understood, despite a spice of pugnacity, which had a habit of asserting itself with aggravating frequency and in a fashion that, to quote a Yankeeism, considerably "riled" those who ventured to array themselves in opposition to "Jim's" strongly-expressed opinions. The blacksmith of Primrose Garth—as the charming picturesque spot in which he resided was called—was looked up to as a man of light and leading. Of course, he had his rivals for premier honors, the chief being the tailor and the shoemaker; but even these, apart from the stormy passions of debate, and the meetings of the parish council—wherein there was always a sturdy struggle for pre-eminence—generously acknowledged that "Jim" was not without brains, adding the saving clause that, unhappily, he often enough failed to put them to good account. With his "superiors" Ransome was not on the best of terms. The fact is that his views on many subjects were of an "advanced's type, and found little favor with the parson and the squire, who, while they continued to patronize his smithy, never failed to impress him with their opinion that he was a firebrand, and a very dangerous one, too, so far as his sphere of influence was concerned.

But, however divergent the verdict of the villagers as to Ransome's merits, there was only one opinion as to the beauty and virtue of his only child, Jessie. She was, indeed, the belle of Primrose Garth; and there was never a youth for miles around but at sometime or other had sighed after so much as a favoring glance from her bright blue eyes, or a word of encouragement, be it ever so slight, from her tempting lips. Upon only one suitor did the fair Jessie smile, however. Walter Haydn—the envied one—was the only son of the reverend rector of the village. He was a fine, manly fellow, of whom his parents expected much, though at present he was only a barrister without a brief. The two had known each other as boy and girl; then, in the ordinary course of things, they were parted, he pursuing his studies at college and elsewhere, she looking after her father's domestic affairs. When again they met they had both arrived at the susceptible age, with the inevitable result that they fell in love with each other, promptly exchanged vows, and lost sight of the possibilities of parental disapproval, which not uncommonly troubles the course of true love.

They had not long to wait for disillusionment. No sooner were the facts made known to the respective parents than the eyes of the lovers were opened. The blacksmith, none to gently, gave his daughter to understand that he didn't want his girl to run after fellows who regarded themselves as her betters. Let her marry in her own station and not seek to bring ridicule upon her father. He believed in the people, not the classes. Of course, Jessie was every bit as good as the rector's son, but the rector didn't think so, and, in short, there was an end of the whole matter. On his part the rector was equally bitter. His son should never ally himself to the blacksmith's daughter; so much was certain. It was the height of madness, and not to be thought of for a single instant. Thus it came about that young Haydn was bundled off to London with strict orders to forget his foolishness and try to make a mark in the world, while Jessie was sternly forbidden to "carry on with any more of her moonshine and silly love-making."

Three months sped on, and the two fathers congraulated themselves upon having nipped the unwelcome business in the bud. Walter had protested that he would be true to his first love; Jessie was equally determined to marry no one else in the world. But after that neither spoke of the affair, which both parents soon came to regard as forgotten and done with once for all.

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The forge was silent. The anvil, stout and strong, lay idly in a remote corner, and not a glimmer reminded one of the rich red light that was wont to flash out at the bidding of the old, time-worn bellows. The forge was silent, yet all that day had big, patient horses, waiting to be shod, and anxious farmers, whose ploughs had gone astray, lingered about the smithy door. There was a lot of grumbling. The blacksmith of Primrose Garth enjoyed a monopoly in his own line of business. It was many a mile to any other blacksmith shop, and the only remedy for the disappointed customers was to pour the vials of their wrath upon the head of the absent blacksmith in the most vulgar and inelegant English they could command.

"Where's Jim?" was the question that was on every lip, while the village lads inquired eagerly after the blacksmith's pretty daughter.

"Anybody seen Jim Ransome to-day?" asked Garbutt, the shoemaker, adding significantly: "I never know'd his place to be closed afore."

"Yester e'en," broke in a big, rawboned youth, "I seed the smithy fire a'roarin' like mad, and Jessie was standing just where I am now." I can mind it because I were thinkin' how bonnie she looked, and how——"

"Here's parson," interrupted one of the group, which, on hearing who was approaching, became suddenly and respectfully silent.

The Rev. Septimus Haydn paused when he reached the assembled villagers. Then he glanced inquiringly round, and as no one ventured to explain the why and wherefore of the conference, asked:

"Is anything the matter, good people?"

"Yes, sir" said Garbutt, doffing his cap respectfully. "Jim Ransome's gone."

"Gone? Gone where?" returned the rector, sharply. "I expect this is the outcome of his absurd notions. He was always a firebrand among us and a peril to the good people (a favorite expression of the rector's) of Primrose Garth. If I had had my wish, he would have gone long since."

"Ah, but you haven't your wish," put in a strong voice.

The Rev. Septimus turned very red, coughed violently and, without venturing upon a rejoinder, beat a hasty retreat, whilst the startled auditors turned to greet the missing blacksmith, Jim Ransome.

"Where's't thee been, lad?" queried Garbutt. "Here we've been waiting and wondering, and the parson——"

"Yes," replied Ransome, ungraciously, "he has sore need to pray to be delivered from all uncharitableness, slander and evil-speaking himself."

"But where be Jessie?" asked one of the village youths, with more than a shade of anxiety in his voice. "Ain't she come back along with thee?"

The blacksmith stared inquiringly at the speaker. "Jessie?" he exclaimed. "Jessie? Isn't she in the house?"

"No; she's gone, and nobody knows where."

The rich, red blood surged into the smith's swarthy face, and swelled the veins till they stood like whipcords on his brow. "What's thee mean?" he demanded. "Jessie not in the house? It's a lie—it must be a lie! She's not a girl to leave her father like this, to creep away as a thief in the night."

He strode past the group, who gave way in silence, and watched sympathetically as he lifted the latch of his cottage door. The villagers remained expectantly outside, waiting the blacksmith's return; but he came not, and, as the shadows were beginning to steal around, they returned wonderingly and sadly to their homes.

Meanwhile, Ransome entered his little front room, but no Jessie gave him kindly greeting. The fire had long since burnt itself out; the room had a dreary, desolate appearance that sent cold chills through the devoted father's heart. Upon the table was a sheet of paper, carefully folded. The blacksmith opened it with trembling hands, and, as he read the contents, his rugged face grew strangely agitated. The big, burly frame shook with an all-powerful emotion, and, in his agony, the strong man bent and sobbed. Again and again he read the words that had so strangely moved him.

But soon a change came over him. His features grew stern and hard, and he clenched his fists savagely, as he muttered: "A poor man's lamb is lawful prey for the prowling wolf. It's the parson's son—it's Walter Haydn. May heaven have pity upon him, for I will show him none! Jessie has gone—she has gone, but one thing remains to me—a father's vengence. The wolf shall not escape, even as the lamb, his victim, did not. Look to yourself, Walter Haydn—look to yourself!"

James Ransome set out to find his daughter—and Walter Haydn. Naturally he first called upon the rector, who received him with scant courtesy; and, when the blacksmith blurted out his belief that the girl had gone off with Walter Haydn, waxed mightily wroth and indignant.

"Nonsense—rubbish!" he retorted, angrily. "The notion is monstrous, absurd, impudent. Do you think my son would so demean himself as to elope with one of my parishioners? You may depend upon it that the girl's cleared off on some wild-goose chase."

Ransome's fingers twitched nervously, and a menacing expression lingered upon his face; but, mastering the impulse to strike the rector, he replied, with a forced calmness: "Nay, sir; my girl's not that sort. There's only one thing that'd drive her from her home, and that's disgrace. Disgrace! Do you hear me?"—and he brought his big fist down heavily upon the table in front of him. "Disgrace a thousand times worse than death. Oh, that I had long ago laid her to rest beside her sainted mother in Primrose Garth churchyard! You are a father"—his voice sank into an earnest, pleading whisper—"if it were your daughter——"

"Dear me, how you do talk!" interrupted the rector, with some show of indignation. "My daughter, indeed, as though such a thing were possible! Now, listen to me, Rancome. I'm sorry for you—from my heart I'm sorry. But whyever you should go flinging about charges such as you have brought against my house, I can't for the life of me understand. Once for all, the thing's preposterous. Why, Walter's in London——"

"Yes; tell me his address, and I will see him, ask him to answer me himself."

"No, no, Ransome. In your present mood it is very undesirable that you should call upon him. I will write to him, and put the question bluntly; though, really, that is not by any means necessary. But you must not go—certainly you must not," and the rector paced up and down his study floor in unmistakable agitation.

"Then you refuse to give your son's address?"

"Most certainly I do."

"Very well." The words were spoken quietly enough. "I will go to London, and if I have to tramp the city over I'll find him, and I'll tear the truth from his throat."

The threat staggered the Rev. Septimus. He fairly reeled, panted, and when he had recovered himself the visitor had vanished. Still, upon reflection, the blacksmith's words did not appear to mean much. London is a big place, and Ransome's task was so stupendous as to be well-nigh impossible. At any rate, the rector had been forwarned, and he lost no time in putting his son upon his guard against the angry and sorrowing father.

In the heart of London Ransome patiently and persistently pursued his search. He had never been there before, and in his ignorance of its vastness he had thought that his purpose would be easily carried out, and the first stranger he encountered was considerably startled on hearing a long, elaborate description, first of Walter Haydn, then of Jessie.

"Have you come across either of them?" asked Ransome, with feverish eagerness, and the poor fellow was deeply grieved when the stranger broke into a low, mocking laugh.

"Do you take me for a detective?" he inquired, with a sneer, and, moving impatiently away, joined the endless procession of mortals that ever tramp up and down the busy streets.

For days, for weeks, the weary father sought and sought in vain. "London has no heart," he sighed, but would not give up the quest.

It must not be supposed, however, that Ransome had altogether severed his association with Primrose Garth. He kept up a regular correspondence with William the cobbler. Jessie might come home, he thought, and what would the poor lass do if she knew not where to find her father?

Each night, on his return to the humble lodgings he had taken, Ransome would take from his waistcoat pocket a crumpled sheet of notepaper, now ragged and torn, and sadly read Jessie's parting message:

"Dear Father: I am leaving you; do not worry or grieve. It will be for the best. Someday I shall return and you will be proud of me."

"Proud of you?" the blacksmith would mutter. "Proud of you? Nay, I can't never be that again. I must find you, Jessie, I must find you, and as for the scoundrel who—" But it was rarely that the sentence was completed.

Always a frugal man, Ransome had managed to put away a few pounds. "They'll be helpful to Jessie," he thought; "when she gets wed." But the little pile was fast melting away. London is no place for cheap living. So he found employment at his trade, and worked and sought and sought and worked all through the live-long day and the shadows of the evening.

But the money the blacksmith earned did not cover the expenses he entailed. It is not possible to travel about the big city without spending money, and a good deal of it too. In his straits, therefore, Ransome went to that last resource of broken men—a money-lender. Always scrupulously honest in his dealings, he anticipated no difficulty in raising a loan. He was soon undeceived. Of course, the shark—in this instance, a Mr. Julius Benson—was willing to accommodate him at a high rate of interest, if satisfactory security were forthcoming. What security had the blacksmith to offer? Nothing—and yet, there was his place in Primrose Garth. Perhaps Mr. Benson would lend him money on that. Unsophisticated though he was, Ransome knew it was of some value, since it was the only piece of freehold in the village. He mentioned it to the money-lender, who accompanied him to Primrose Garth to look over the property. They arrived at the village in the course of the afternoon. Benson was satisfied, and proposed to advance a sum of fifty pounds on mortgage. The blacksmith at once closed with the offer, and it was arranged that he should call upon the money-lender a week later, when the transaction would be completed.

Somehow or other Ransome felt as though he had committed a kind of sacrilege. For years out of count the property had been in his family, and he almost expected to see his ancestors rise from their grave in angry protest. Bitter as gall were his thoughts as he paced along one of the well-remembered lanes. All unwittingly he had taken the road leading to the rectory. He was deep in sad thought, when a hand was placed upon his shoulder. He turned hastily round, and found himself face to face with the man he was seeking—Walter Haydn.

For a moment he was so taken aback as to be unable to do more than gasp out: "Walter Haydn—you!" Then he turned on the young man savagely. "Where's my daughter? Where is she, you scoundrel?" he hissed fiercely.

"I wish I knew," replied Haydn, earnestly.

"Do you dare to tell me that she is not where you have placed her? Disgraced, ruined?"

"Believe me, Mr. Ransome——"

"No; I'll not believe you." The blacksmith lifted his powerful arm, and struck the young man a violent blow. "Take that, you heartless villain!" he shouted.

Haydn clenched his fists, and then restrained himself. "You wrong me. I swear it," he said. "Were you not her father, I would have given blow for blow, strong as you are. Some day you will ask my forgiveness for this. I tell you—as you have sought for Jessie with aching heart, so have I. As you would give your life to save her, so would I. Great as is your love for her, it is not so great as mine."

The young fellow spoke earnestly; to any other listener, at least to a disinterested one, his words must have carried conviction. But Ransome believed him not.

"I shall find her," he said. "I shall see her again; and, as true as there is justice in the heavens, if you are lying to me, as I feel in my soul you are, I will strangle the breath out of your miserable carcass. No, don't speak, lest now and here I——"

He could not, such was his rage, complete the sentence, and, without another word, he turned away. Of course, during his brief stay in Primrose Garth he encountered many of his old friends; but they found him strangely altered, and not a few were of the opinion that his trouble had turned Jim Ransome's brain.

The months sped on, and still there was no news of the missing girl. The smith's appearance changed greatly. A rough, thick stubble was allowed to grow upon the broad, thick-set chin, the face had lost its vigorous aspect, and the giant form was woefully bent.

Ransome had had to visit the money-lender again, and that gentleman took care that he got the blacksmith in his clutches. Julius Benson had his eye on the property in Primrose Garth. The squire, he knew, would gladly buy it, and for a comparatively big price, too. Accordingly, Shylock made it his business to swoop down upon his client for the return of the money advanced, served him with a process, and when the wretched man admitted his inability to satisfy the demands of the rapacious bloodsucker proposed that, to save extra legal expenses, he should dispose of his property, upon which, as Benson reminded him, he held a mortgage.

The blacksmith was well-nigh distracted. "Wife dead, daughter gone, home passing from me," he muttered. "Nothing is left to me—nothing that is worth living for."

The Shakespeare had once been a flourishing hall of music, but, as newer and more commodious buildings sprang up around, it seemed destined to perish in the keen struggle for existence. It was Mr. Julius Benson's financial genius that retrieved it from the decay into which it was rapidly falling. He bought the structure for the proverbial "old song," formed a new company, and then looked about to find new attractions which should draw and hold the public, and thus bring a shower of shekels into the pockets of the shareholders. He succeeded in his quest, as he succeeded in most things. The attraction he discovered was a young singer of surprising beauty, and gifted with a voice of uncommon purity and power.

"Marie Maynard," the bills announced, when he considered her ready for a first appearance, "is the most lovely and accomplished artist ever introduced to the British public." On the strength of this assurance, cleverly emphasized by "inspired" paragraphs in the newspapers, a crowd of eager, novelty-loving pleasure-seekers hammered at the doors of the Shakespeare long before the hour that they were timed to open.

Julius Benson's anticipations were more than fulfilled. The British public, or that portion of it which frequented places of amusement, were in raptures over the new star. "She sings divinely," they said, in boxes and dress circle. "She's a reg'lar topper, a treat," was the verdict of the pit and gallery.

Of course, Mr. Benson was hugely delighted. "She's fixed by her engagement with us for three years, and only receives two pounds a week," he said to his brother directors. "The Shakespeare is made."

"How did you manage to secure her so cheaply?" asked one of the other directors.

"Oh, she's from the country; innocent, you know," replied Benson, with a chuckle.

Time passed on, and Marie Maynard's fame showed no sign of fading. On the contrary, her hold on the public grew stronger and more certain. Of course, she received offers of engagements elsewhere, but Benson's agent had fastened her. She was not her own mistress.

It was a cold winter's night in December. The snow had fallen heavily; but the pavement and roads of London persistently refused to allow it to rest, even for an instant, upon their bosom. A cold, piercing wind, wet ground, and air filled with the fast-falling flakes made the night air as comfortless as it well-nigh could be. But the patient, all-suffering public are not to be spoilt of their entertainment. Marie Maynard was to appear with a new song, and the capacious hall was crowded from pit to gallery.

The first "turns" were not out of the common, and failed to provoke the enthusiam of the audience; a low, continuous hum of conversation drowned the efforts of the artists. After the interval, a silence, deep as death, fell upon the assembly. Opera glasses were leveled at the stage from every part of the house, and, as Marie Maynard advanced to the foot-lights, a spontaneous cheer burst from the expectant audience. They had excellent taste, indeed. Tall and shapely, with long masses of light brown hair that hung untrammeled round her beautiful head, Marie Maynard might well be the envy of her sex, and the admiration of all. And her voice! Its deep, thrilling richness, its wonderful power was well-nigh indescribable. Little wonder was it that the Shakespeare was proud of its "star" artist. She commenced to sing; but scarcely had she given a dozen notes when, suddenly, a voice rose out of the pit—a voice whose every tone spoke the pent-up agony of long grief and weary waiting.

"It is she—my Jessie! I have found thee!"

Before he could be prevented, the blacksmith of Primrose Garth had sprung upon the stage, amidst a wild storm of hisses and similar marks of popular derision and anger.

"He is mad; seize him! Save the girl!" cried the indignant audience. But the cry died away upon their lips, as they saw the beautiful singer throw her arms round the rough intruder's neck—and then they wondered.

The curtain quickly descended, and the members of the directorate who were present hastened to the back of the stage to learn what had happened.

"Are you going on with your song?" asked Julius Benson, as soon as the relationship existing between the two had been explained.

"I am tired, father," said Jessie. "I'm tired; take me home."

But, nevertheless, Marie Maynard sung every other evening in that week. Her father told her of his financial difficulties, and to Mr. Benson she said:

"I will sing for this week if you will agree to relieve my father from his liabilities."

Vainly did Benson beg, expostulate, and threaten. Jessie was firm, and he had to submit. The engagement she had entered into could not have been enforced in a court of law.

Jessie, it was explained had been taken to London by Benson's agent, who had come across her whilst staying in the neighborhood. She promised to leave home secretly, as soon as opportunity offered, and upon her father's departure to Ironville—whither he had been summoned for reasons associated with his business—she met the agent, and was driven to the nearest town, from which they were soon whirled away to the big city. "You'll make your fortune," he declared, "and your father shall share it with you."

Ransome told the girl of his meeting with Walter Haydn, and how he had accused him of spiriting her away.

"You owe him an apology," was his reply.

"And he shall have it," answered the blacksmith heartily.

The smithy was soon busy again, the anvil stood in its appointed place; and the fire blazed and the bellows roared, and many a wayworn traveller would pause outside the forge, amazed to hear a voice so beautiful and so perfectly-trained in such a place. But, if report speak truly, the smithy and Primrose Garth, too, will soon lose the singer. Walter Haydn has claimed compensation for the blacksmith's assault on him; and he has got it.

"Jessie is thine, lad," he said, "though I don't like parting with her again. Maybe, though." he added slyly, "the parson won't agree and then——"

But the reverend rector has surrendered: albeit, he is not over well pleased to think that his son's future wife is a blacksmith's daughter.—*The Star.*

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Clayton	3.09	7.28	8.58	10.02	3.54	5.40
Gr'n Spring	. . .	‖ 7.32	. . .	. . .	. . .	‖ 5.44
Blackbird	. . .	‖ 7.38	. . .	‖10 10	. . .	‖ 5.50
Townsend	. . .	7.43	9.11	10 14	4.07	5.56
Middletown	3.30	7.52	9.30	10.22	4 16	6.05
Armstrong	. . .	‖ 7.56	. . .	. . .	. . .	‖ 6.09
Mt. Pleasant	. . .	8.00	. . .	‖10 30	. . .	6.13
Kirkwood	. . .	8.09	. . .	10 39	. . .	6.21
Porter	. . .	‡ 8.15	9.40	10 44	4.36	6.26
Bear	. . .	‖ 8.20	. . .	10.49	. . .	‖ 6.31
State Road	. . .	‖ 8.25	. . .	‖10 54	. . .	‖ 6.36
New Castle	. . .	8.31	9.53	10 59	. . .	6.41
Farnhurst	. . .	‖ 8.36	9 57	‖11 09	. . .	‖ 6.46
Wilmington	4 15	8 45	10.06	11.18	5 02	6.55
Baltimore	5.19	10.31	11.23	12.25	6 48	8 40
Philadelphia	5.10	9.32	10 54	12.06	5 46	7.48
	AM	AM	AM	PM	PM	PM

‖ Daily. ‡ Daily except Sunday. ‡ Saturdays only.

"a" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.

"e" Stops to leave passengers from New York Division.

"f" Stops only on notice to conductor or agent, or on signal.

"l" Stops to leave passengers from Middletown and points south.

"j" Stops to take on passengers for Cape Charles and beyond.

"p" Stops to leave passengers from points south of Delmar, or take passengers for Wilmington and points north.

*On Saturdays arrives 9.25 p. m.

‖ Arrives daily except Saturday and Sunday.

NEW CASTLE ACCOMMODATION TRAINS.—Leave Wilmington 8 13 a. m., 3.04, 4.02 and 6.58 p. m., week days. Leave New Castle 8.41, 9.58, 10.59 a. m., 6.41 p. m week days.

Express trains leaving Harrington 8.10 a. m. and arriving at 6.10 p. m., week days, run through solid to and from Baltimore, via Portes and Newark.

BRANCH ROADS.

DELAWARE, MARYLAND & VIRGINIA R. R.—Leave Harrington for Franklin City and way stations 10.40 a m 6.14 p m week days. Returning train leaves Franklin City 6.00 a. m. and 12.06 p. m. week days.

Leave Franklin City for Chincoteague (via steamer) 1.33 p. m., week days Returning leave Chincoteague 4.52 a. m., week-days.

Leave Harrington for Georgetown and Lewes at 10.40 a. m., 6.14 p. m., week days. Returning leave Lewes 6.45 a. m. and 1.32 p. m. week-days.

Leave Harrington for Rehoboth 10.40 a. m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only. Returning, leave Rehoboth 1.10 p. m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only.

Leave Harrington for Berlin, 10.40 a. m. and 6.14 p. m. week days. Returning, leave Berlin 6.56 a m and 1.02 p. m. week days.

Leave Clayton for Chestertown and way stations 9 45 a. m. week days. Returning, leave Chestertown 6.50 a. m. week-days.

Leave Massey for Chestertown and way stations 10.17 a. m. and 5.30 p. m. week-days. Returning, leave Chestertown 6.50 a. m. and 2.40 p. m. week-days.

QUEEN ANNE & KENT R. R.—Leave Townsend for Centreville and way stations 9.23 a. m., and 5.08 p. m., week days Returning leave Centreville 7.51 a. m., and 2.45 p. m., week-days.

DELAWARE & CHESAPEAKE R. R.—Leave Clayton for Oxford and way stations 9.40 a. m., and 5.22 p. m., week days. Returning, leave Oxford 6.55 a. m., and 1.51 p. m., week-days.

CAMBRIDGE & SEAFORD R. R.—Leave Seaford for Cambridge and intermediate stations 11.19 a. m. and 6.52 p. m. week-days. Returning, leave Cambridge 7.09 a.m., and 2.32 p. m. week-days.

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